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SB 187 (Hall) Horse Racing
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ISSUE

California law currently limits the number of horse races that may be imported by associations and fairs to no more than 50-races per day on days when live thoroughbred or fair racing is being conducted in California.

California has made exemptions from the 50-race per day limit to prominent races, including the Kentucky Derby, the Kentucky Oaks, the Preakness Stakes, the Belmont Stakes, the Jockey Club Gold Cup, the Travers Stakes, the Arlington Million, the Breeders' Cup, the Dubai Cup, the Arkansas Derby, the Apple Blossom Handicap or the Haskell Invitational.

The Wood Memorial is one of five races run as preps for the U.S. Triple Crown but it is not currently included on the list of exempted races.

SOLUTION

SB 187 adds the “Wood Memorial” to the group of stake races in Horse Racing Law which are exempt from the 50-race per day limit on imported races.

This measure will help increase public interest and participation at California racetracks and satellite wagering facilities. The satellite importation of this historic and prestigious race will allow California racetracks to remain competitive, increase the wagering handle on this specific race day and will lead to increased purses, racetrack revenue, and breeders' awards in this state.

SUPPORT

(As amended 4/21/15)